



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5503

LCO No. 3186



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LAKE AUTHORITIES AND COMBATING
INVASIVE PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-66aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,
4 nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment
5 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be
6 deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed
7 every three months as follows: (1) Ten dollars of each fee credited to
8 said account shall be deposited into the agriculture sustainability
9 account established pursuant to section 4-66cc and, then, of the
10 remaining funds, (2) twenty-five per cent to the Department of
11 Economic and Community Development to use as follows: (A) Three
12 hundred eighty thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the
13 technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut
14 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-
15 93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities
16 as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (3) twenty-five per

17 cent to the Department of Housing to supplement new or existing
18 affordable housing programs; (4) twenty-five per cent to the
19 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for municipal
20 open space grants and grants to lake authorities for the control of
21 invasive species; and (5) twenty-five per cent to the Department of
22 Agriculture to use as follows: (A) Five hundred thousand dollars
23 annually for the agricultural viability grant program established
24 pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) five hundred thousand dollars annually
25 for the farm transition program established pursuant to section 22-26k;
26 (C) one hundred thousand dollars annually to encourage the sale of
27 Connecticut-grown food to schools, restaurants, retailers and other
28 institutions and businesses in the state; (D) seventy-five thousand
29 dollars annually for the Connecticut farm link program established
30 pursuant to section 22-26l; (E) forty-seven thousand five hundred
31 dollars annually for the Seafood Advisory Council established
32 pursuant to section 22-455; (F) forty-seven thousand five hundred
33 dollars annually for the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council
34 established pursuant to section 22-26c; (G) twenty-five thousand
35 dollars annually to the Connecticut Food Policy Council established
36 pursuant to section 22-456; and (H) the remainder for farmland
37 preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422. Each agency receiving
38 funds under this section may use not more than ten per cent of such
39 funds for administration of the programs for which the funds were
40 provided.

41 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
42 fifty per cent of the moneys deposited in the community investment
43 account from January 1, 2016, until June 30, 2017, shall be credited
44 every three months to the resources of the General Fund, provided the
45 funds remaining in the account shall be distributed as provided in
46 subsection (a) of this section.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	October 1, 2017	4-66aa
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to lake authorities in their efforts to combat invasive plant and animal species.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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